

R. H. Schroeder On Battleship Off Okinawa

R. H. Schroeder, coxswain, USN, son of Mrs. Mary Schroeder, Portola ave., Torrance, fought aboard a U. S. battleship as she threw steel at the Japanese on Okinawa in the week-long bombardment that cleared the beaches for invading troops.

So deadly were her big guns that troops encountered no enemy fire in the areas she covered.

During the pre-invasion bombardment, guns of this ship and others of the Pacific Fleet knocked out enemy gun emplacements back of the beaches. Secondary batteries combed the landing areas, exploring every suspicious hill and clump of trees.

On the morning of D day, the deluge of shells pouring onto the island was intensified. Smoke was so thick it screened troops pushing inland to their objectives.

Every man was at his battle station for many hours that day. Not until box lunches came up from the galley did many of the fighting crew remember that D day was also Easter Sunday. Packed neatly in each box was a bright touch of home, Easter eggs in rainbow hues.

Orval L. Huffman Wins Commission In Air Force

Orval Lee Huffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Huffman of Route 1, Box 28, Beaumont, Calif., received his silver wings May 23 when he graduated as a second lieutenant from Marfa Army Air Field, an advanced two-engine pilot school of the AAF Training Command, it was announced by Col. Henry R. Baxter, Commanding Officer.

The new pilot, a former resident of Torrance, completed a course in training in twin-engine aircraft. He was assigned here from Merced Army Air Field, Merced, Calif.

He is a former student of Banning High School, Wilmington, Calif.

Lt. J. A. Daniel Is Stationed In Algeria

Lt. James A. Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arvil W. Daniel, of 1527 218th st., Torrance, is a



pilot of La Senia Air Base, Oran, Algeria, in the North African Division of the Air Transport Command.

La Senia Air Base, commanded by Lt. Col. Edgar B. Franklin, is one of the key bases in the North African Division, the all-year, all-weather route to Europe, Russia, and the Middle and Far East, over which route NAFD aircraft rushed more than 20,000,000 pounds of vital cargo to the war fronts in a recent month.

It is Lieutenant Daniel's job at this base to pilot the transport aircraft over NAFD routes with passengers, mail, and vital cargo, and war material. He must fly in all kinds of weather, and is subject to call at all hours, any time of the day or night.

He took his Cadet training at Santa Ana, Calif., King City, Calif., Marana, Ariz., and was graduated at Marfa, Texas, before going overseas ten months ago. In his service overseas he has added over 800 hours to his total of over 1100 hours flying time on C-47 type aircraft. He has made many trips to Southern France, Italy, and Corsica.

BEGINS TRAINING

Pvt. Tesley Eugene Watkins has arrived at Camp Wolters, Texas, Infantry Replacement Training Center to begin his basic training as an infantryman. His mother, Mrs. A. O. Whitwell, resides at 1549 W. 204th st., Torrance.

In actual life every great enterprise begins with and takes its first forward step in faith.—Schlegel

and wears the Rome Arno Battle Star.

A graduate of the Torrance High School in Torrance, he attended the University of California, in L. A., prior to entering the service in Feb., 1943.

Veteran's Assistance in Every Need Is Available at Local Service Offices

The young wife of a Marine facing the fury of war with the Japs in the Pacific area has been living in a trailer camp in this district paying the landlord \$10.50 per week, plus utilities, out of her government allowance of \$80 a month. This week she became sick and no one was available to care for her.

An appeal by a third party was made to the local Veterans Service committee at Selective Service Board No. 280, and an investigation was made at once. The case was referred to the Family Welfare bureau.

"We will take care of her," said James G. Caldwell, secretary,

"just as every other case that comes to our attention will be handled or properly referred."

Within half an hour, he said, two other cases were called to his attention, one that of a veteran seeking a pension, his time set for examination, and he did not know where to go. He was referred to the Veterans Administration. The other case was that of a person seeking a loan under the G. I. Bill of Rights. This likewise was referred.

Two offices are available for service of veterans here, Caldwell said. They are Selective Service Board No. 280's veterans service committee, and the United States Employment Service

committee, Willard W. Moser, at 1927 Carson st.

Here, the veteran's problems probably will fall within one of several referrals listed below:

For job assistance, referred to former employer; new employer direct; U. S. Employment Service; Civil Service Commission; Railroad Retirement Board; Agricultural Extension Service, or other agents to be specified.

For other rights or benefits, such as hospital or medical care; vocational rehabilitation; education and training; loans; readjustment of allowance; unemployment compensation, and other

specified cases, the veterans are referred either to the Veterans' Administration or to other appropriate agencies.

In addition, the veteran is given an introduction card which contains his name, serial number and other data including the local board's stamp to assist him in identification.

One of the first things that a veteran should do upon discharge is to call upon the Selective Service Board. The second most necessary act is to call upon the United States Employment Service if interested in employment.

SEABEE RETURNS

C. E. Walden, C.M., 1/c, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walden of 1823 Gramercy ave., arrived recently for a leave following more than two years South Pacific duty with a Seabee battalion.

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.—Oliver Wendell Holmes

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